



# Fleet Primary School

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## Seeds and Thneeds

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Year 2 Topic Letter

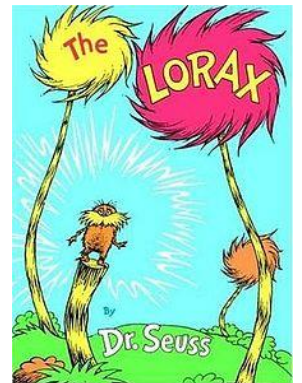
Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school, We hope you've all had a restful break. We're very excited about teaching Year 2. Hopefully you all received the social story and know that Susie is teaching on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and Nicola is teaching on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. We've had a great start and are looking forward to all the learning we'll be doing this term.

The children have settled back into Year 2 really well and we are all excited about our new topic. This term, our topic will be Science based and will focus on plants and habitats. Having travelled around the world last term, we will now be focussing on our local area.

In English, the children have begun the topic by writing animal poems using descriptive language. Our other English units will be as follows: we will be using the Dr Seuss book 'The Lorax' as the inspiration for our own writing. We will find out what a Thneed is, write setting descriptions and learn about persuasive writing. We will also be reading the story 'The Extraordinary Gardener', by Sam Boughton, and writing narratives based on the perspective of one of the characters in the book. We will also do some non-fiction writing linked to the book 'Instructions' by Neil Gaiman.



We will be exploring plants in our Science lessons. Observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will use our local environment to find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Children will develop their questioning and recording skills investigating plants.

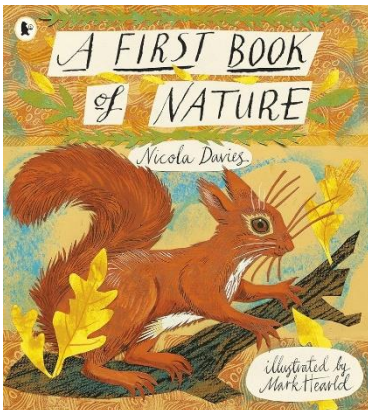
In Geography and History this term, we will focus on our local area. The children will find out how London and Camden have changed throughout history by studying maps and aerial photographs. We will learn about significant individuals and think about how our area has changed or stayed the same over time. We will be doing some work around compass directions and maps in Geography, where the children will be making maps of our school and thinking about how to improve the school site.



Our Art and DT will be around plants and nature this term. We will study key artists such as Alma Thomas, Yayoi Kusama and Claude Monet, looking at how nature inspires their work and making some of our own artwork based on this. In DT we will also do a project making a moving vehicle for a character from 'The Lorax'.

In Maths, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum and White Rose. Our units this term will be around money, multiplication and division, length and height and mass, capacity and temperature. The children will continue to work with numbers to 100. Children will be learning to recognise and count coins and notes and to use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

This term we will have PE sessions on Mondays with coach Keeley. Children must wear or bring in trainers on these days.



Please continue to read with your children daily and use the reading diary for a record of what they have read. The children will continue to change their books once a week (usually on Thursday or Friday), an up to date table of reading groups can be found on the classroom door.

It is so important that children have their book bags, including their reading diaries, **in school every day**. Please remember to return any books your child has borrowed from school each week so that they can be swapped for new ones.

### Important Dates

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January KS1 and 2 open morning - maths focus

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - afternoon trip to Keats Library

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - The Lorax workshop in school.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year Two Class Tea

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Year Two Class Assembly

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March - parent meetings

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April- Last day of term (2pm finish)

We are still waiting for a few trips to be confirmed once we know they'll be added to Year 2 dates in the newsletter.

Please let one of us or June and Kelly in the office know (in person or by email) if you're interested in helping on a trip.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us before or after school, or email [admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk) and the message will be passed onto us.

Best wishes

Nicola and Susie